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# montanakaimin

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

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CAMPUS

## Curry offers services to those affected by campus suicide

Jayne Fraser  
Montana Kaimin

Students who would like counseling because of the recent on-campus suicide, or who have mental health questions, can speak with professionals at Curry Health Center's Counseling and Psychological Services.

Jacob Parmenter, 19, committed suicide Friday night in Miller Hall, the county sheriff's office confirmed Monday. Students affected by any death are given scheduling priority for appointments with Curry's CAPS. A Curry counselor spoke with some students Sunday evening in the Miller

TV lounge, according to an email sent Saturday afternoon to Miller residents by Director of Residence Life Sandy Schoonover. "We recognize that the death of a peer can be difficult," Schoonover wrote. "If this evening session does not work in your schedule, you may also

make an appointment to see someone at CAPS by calling 243-4711, Monday through Friday." CAPS Director Brian Krylowicz said he and his staff speak with students by appointment, but if someone is thinking about suicide he said, "It'd be

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CAMPUS

## UM student reports rape to police

Spencer Veysey  
Montana Kaimin

A University of Montana student reported a rape to Missoula police Friday afternoon, a police official said. The woman named a suspect in her report and police are investigating the incident, Detective Sgt. Bob Bouchee said.

The Missoulian is reporting that the woman who filed a restraining order against UM quarterback Jordan Johnson on March 9 is the same person who reported a rape to police on Friday. Bouchee would not confirm if the allegations Friday were made against Johnson or if the woman is the same person who asked for a restraining order against Johnson.

Johnson's attorney, former Griz football player David Paoli, did not return multiple inquiries for comment. Court documents are not specific about when or where the alleged assault occurred. The Missoula County Attorney has not filed charges against Johnson.

The temporary restraining order served to Johnson on March 9 states he must not come within 1,500 feet or have any contact with the woman. If he breaks the order he could face a \$10,000 fine and/or a five-year jail sentence.

Missoula Municipal Court will hold a hearing today to determine if the order needs to become permanent. If the judge does not extend the order, it will expire March 27.

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MISSOULA

## Changing bus routes



Forest Chapat de Saintonge/Montana Kaimin

Mountain Line buses sit outside the Transfer Center, located at 200 W. Pine St. early Monday morning.

Linds Sanders  
Montana Kaimin

The Mountain Line bus system might be driving on a dramatically different route schedule next year, but not before hearing from the public. Every 10 years, the Missoula Urban Transportation District looks critically at whether their

services are meeting their ridership's needs. Focus groups held last October highlighted a need for Mountain Line to increase bus frequency, add later services, and concentrate services in the urban center. With these objectives in mind, the Transit District Board devised four route alternatives. In order to move forward with

establishing a new route system, the board is reaching out for public comment. Three interactive workshops are taking place this week, the first of which will be hosted in the University Center Theatre on March 21 at noon. "This is a chance to say what you want — it is critical for students and staff who live way

out of town," said Nancy Wilson, director of the Associated Students of the University of Montana Office of Transportation. Some of the alternatives are to concentrate services in the downtown area and to end services to Bonner, the Rattlesnake, the South Hills and the

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## TECH COLUMN

## ZEROS AND ONES

SXSWi at a glance

By Brady W. Moore

Every year thousands of nerds, hippies and film freaks venture to Austin, Texas. Only one event has the cojones to bring these people together: South by Southwest.

Because this is Zeros and Ones and I myself fall into the aforementioned nerd group, we'll be sticking to the part of the festival I understand best: SXSW Interactive, which focuses on new and developing technology.

Some of the big dogs of today were launched in Austin. In 2007 Twitter started to gain traction and street cred in Texas. Foursquare was launched in 2009 and was later called the "breakout mobile app" of SXSW by Mashable.

This year's panels and discussions were less about new and developing technology and more about how we're learning to grow and adapt with the technologies we have. There was no "killer app" announced, no one blew minds, but there was genuine discussion about the things that clearly are not going away anytime soon. Let's recap the happenings.

On the opening day of SXSWi, Google's Vic Gundotra and technology guru Guy Kawasaki hosted the keynote session to discuss the trials and tribulations of Google+. It quickly became apparent that Google hasn't given up on the social network game, defending their service by reminding us of its infancy; Google+ has only been around for about half a year. They also highlighted the service's lack of ads, something Facebook users continually complain about.

The following day brought a speech by Foursquare CEO Dennis Crowley. Crowley is an SXSWi veteran and somewhat of a legend since launching his product at the festival in 2009. He talked about his nerves from four years ago, terrified that his service would fail. But failure is far from what happened. Foursquare now boasts nearly 20 million users, including yours truly. I'm even the mayor of Food for Thought. I know, you're jealous.

On Sunday there was a panel discussion called "Is Our Photo-Madness Creating Mediocrity or Magic?" The panel included Instagram's Kevin Systrom who talked about the global change in creativity since the ability to take and share photos landed in our pockets. Ask any Instagramer and they will tell you, they love it. But some users have shown concern about the ownership of the photos they take. Systrom calmed those fears, insisting that all photos remain the property of those who took them.

Now the nerds have left the heat of the Texas sun to make way for the hippies and hipsters of SXSW Music, but I can't help but feel a little let down by this year. I wanted the next big thing, and all we got was last year's big thing version 2.0. Maybe the apps are growing up. We should take this time given to us for reflection instead of chasing the next big thing.

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If St. Patrick could see how you celebrated on Saturday, what would he say?



Megan Quigley

Freshman, Undecided

"I think that being a saint, he would be kind of disappointed that his day has resulted in drunken buffoonery nation-wide."



Nicole Watkins

Junior, Philosophy

"You know, I don't think he'd say anything. Honestly, I think he'd just be speechless."



Robert Gow

Alum, works with Lambda

"Good job taking care of friends and being the sober individual... being the responsible party and making sure everyone's safe."

## EDITOR'S COLUMN

## EDITORIAL

WPA not a clear indicator

The Writing Proficiency Assessment is an illusion.

The test allows university officials to pretend we all graduate with critical thinking and writing skills that'll serve us in the workplace, despite flaws at its core.

The University of Montana already requires students to pass an upper-division writing course. Most students take the option offered in their major because the department requires it, or they recognize the value of learning techniques specific to their field that draw on knowledge from previous classes.

The WPA is generic, which by nature means it's not a fair rubric for determining whether students communicate well within their specialties as they'll do the rest of their lives. Writing a mathematical proof or scientific abstract differs greatly from crafting a fictional narrative or composing poetry, but all demand critical thinking and a respect for the form of the craft.

Anyone who writes regularly knows it's a skill only improved by doing it a lot. Writing one essay on a generic prompt — and trying the same thing again if you

fail — doesn't teach us how to be good writers or thinkers. We're the generation of test takers who came to college to learn the critical thinking skills many K-12 schools traded for standardized tests. If it didn't work the first time, why would it work now?

Like many similar schools nationwide, UM is trying to reinvent the purpose and value of a liberal arts education. In today's economic climate and international competition for jobs, students demand a stronger connection between their courses and the practical skills that'll give them an edge on a job application. The generic WPA doesn't measure whether we'll be competitive in that environment.

UM's answer to liberal arts critics is to focus on a "global" education and teach us to think across multiple fields for solutions. Yet, the only standardized test required for graduation doesn't

measure our success toward any of these goals.

Students hear rumors the WPA was created to test students in the sciences, but wouldn't a true liberal arts college also measure English and philosophy majors' understanding of mathematics?

It's time for the University to quit pretending.

Employers aren't encouraged to hire us because we passed the WPA; they look for challenging, relevant courses on our transcripts. Ones that truly demand us to think critically, find solutions and communicate convincingly. The University should invest in courses that do just that. Campus leaders took a step in the right direction when they wrote increased internship and study abroad opportunities into their goals for 2020, but it's time to drop the pretense that the WPA does anything to help achieve them.

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# POLICE BLOTTER

## ODOR EVIDENCE

**March 14, 9:30 p.m.**

Officers cited a man for possession of drug paraphernalia in Duniway Hall. Residence Life staff reported the smell of marijuana to Public Safety.

## DOMESTIC DISPUTE

**March 15, 10:08 a.m.**

Officers responded to a do-

mestic dispute at the University Villages. A male punched a female in the arm, leaving a mark, after they had an argument about their daughter.

## WAYWARD SIGN

**March 15, 4 p.m.**

A sign advertising the International Food Festival went missing on March 5 or 6. The person

who reported the theft hoped to find the sign but could not.

## CHARGE IT

**March 19, 8 a.m.**

A custodian found credit cards stuck in a trash chute in Miller Hall. Officers contacted the owner of the cards, who had reported the cards stolen last week.

## DAMN KIDS

**March 19, 1:11 p.m.**

A man reported kids throwing hotdogs at cars on Arthur Avenue. "Sounds like a waste of perfectly good hotdogs," Public Safety Sgt. Rich Zitzka said.

## CITATION:

Christian Mu, 18, possession of drug paraphernalia

ONLINE  
ONLY:

## REQUIRED READING

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**Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle**  
Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

**ACROSS**

1 Stove fuel  
4 Consent (to)  
10 Sauna sounds  
13 Tiny troublemaker  
14 Drink ordered dry or dirty  
16 Cheer word  
17 "Where some carry keys"  
19 Pie \_\_ mode  
20 New Mexico art colony  
21 Volcano output  
22 Flavor  
24 Author Ferber and actress Best  
26 "Behind-the-scenes" area  
29 Reno roller  
30 "Now I \_\_ me down ..."  
32 One more  
33 Two-time N.L. batting champ Lefty  
35 The Beatles' " \_\_ Love You"  
36 Physics particle  
37 "Peugeot or Renault, e.g."  
40 Coppertone letters  
42 Remote batteries  
43 Krispy \_\_ doughnuts  
46 Nonbeliever  
48 "This \_\_ ripoff!"  
49 Farm worker?  
51 "Campaign in rural areas"  
53 Slow, to Schumann  
55 Brazilian writer Jorge  
56 Velvet finish?  
58 "Gypsies, Tramps & Thieves" singer  
59 Grafton's " \_\_ for Corpse"  
60 School entrances, or, in a way, what each answer to a starred clue has  
64 One for Monet  
65 Evaporated  
66 MGM mascot  
67 Airline to Stockholm  
68 Trattoria desserts  
69 Time workers: Abbr.

**DOWN**

1 Like geniuses

By Pam Amick Klawitter 3/20/12

**Monday's Puzzle Solved**

P	A	S	T	E	L	R	E	S	T	D	A	S
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			C	H	E	V	Y	S	O	I	N	K
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			P	I	C	K	L	E	D	P	I	G
			A	C	K		C	I	A		O	A
				A	D	O	S		S	U	N	T
			P	O	C	K	E	T	C	H	A	N
			E	L	P	A	S	O		I	N	T
			S	O	L		P	U	C	K	E	R
			T	R	U		O	R	M	E		
			O	D	S		T	S	A	R	E	

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2 Medium with a lot of talk  
3 Ate, as soup  
4 Price to pay: Abbr.  
5 Bullfighter's cloak  
6 "Road" film co-star  
7 \_\_ Sketch: drawing toy  
8 Hägar creator Browne  
9 Suffix with benz-  
10 Wind River Reservation tribe  
11 Kind of lamp with a tungsten filament  
12 One who doesn't hog  
15 " \_\_ Easy": Ronstadt hit  
18 Decoding org.  
23 Something to wear  
25 Sol's speech problem  
27 Money  
28 Atlantic Division NBA team  
31 Balt. Orioles' div.  
34 Step on someone's toes, so to speak  
35 Mac alternatives  
38 Brussels-based defense gp.

39 Shrinking sea  
40 Marathoner's need  
41 They may be coined  
44 Street opening  
45 Became a contestant  
46 Gadget you can count on?  
47 "This \_\_": "How strange"  
48 Well-heeled Marcos

50 Sculptors' subjects  
52 Resist authority  
54 Earth-friendly prefix  
57 Neither an ally nor an enemy: Abbr.  
61 Common URL ender  
62 Slangy about-face  
63 Printer resolution meas.

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MISSOULA

# Out from under the bridge

## Advocates working to curb sex offender homelessness

by Amy Sisk / Montana Kaimin

Cars drive several feet above the **registered addresses of sex offenders** in Missoula every day.

Of Missoula County's 649 registered sexual and violent offenders, **four are registered under bridges** — two under Orange Street and two under Reserve Street.

Another **two live at the Super Wal-Mart**. Two more live on the Kim Williams Trail. An additional **10 are registered as "transient"** and don't have addresses.

"That's not really what the people intended when they said they wanted to have a sex registry," said state Rep. Ellie Hill, D-Missoula, who's working on legislation to provide housing for sex offenders. "It's the right thing to do to ensure that a sex offender on probation succeeds, not just for the safety of the community, but for the safety of themselves."

When offenders get discharged from prison, they often struggle to find housing, said Hill. Without adequate support, they can once again fall through the cracks, putting them at a higher risk of reoffending and costing the community thousands of dollars.

Hill isn't alone in her mission to get sex offenders off the streets. Others in Missoula also see problems with the

current situation.

Sue Wilkins, executive director of Missoula Correctional Services, said money can be a major obstacle in securing housing.

"A large percentage of (sex offenders) are single and need to find an apartment like anyone else," she said. "A lot of them have low-income jobs, so money is a big piece of trying to find a place."

Missoula Correctional Services addresses housing affordability for offenders by teaching inmates budgeting skills that emphasize saving, Wilkins said. The nonprofit also works with offenders to prepare them for job interviews and requires those in its pre-release program to secure jobs before they can be discharged.

But for many offenders,

money's only half the challenge. Some landlords refuse to rent to people with a criminal background, said Eran Fowler Pehan, executive director of the Poverello Center.

"Missoula's rental vacancy is so low, and the market is so competitive," she said. "Landlords don't have to rent to people with criminal backgrounds. They can choose other tenants, and they often do."

Beki Hartmann, director of the Associated Students of the University of Montana's Off-Campus Renter Center, has had several students who are also sex offenders walk into her office for advice.

"I think that when they come here and talk to me, they've been looking for quite a while and keep getting rejected," she said. "The only resource I can give them is to

“Landlords don't have to rent to people with criminal backgrounds. They can choose other tenants, and they often do.”

Eran Fowler Pehan  
Executive Director Poverello Center

tell them that about half the properties in Missoula are managed by private landlords, and many private landlords do not do background checks or credit checks."

Sex offenders who struggle

See **HOMELESS**, page 8

# NEWS

## around the BIG SKY

COMPILED BY DILLON KATO

### FLATHEAD SHERIFF DIES OF HEART ATTACK

Flathead County Commissioner and former sheriff Jim Dupont passed away Monday at the age of 65. The Flathead Beacon reported that Dupont died from a heart attack. Before becoming a commissioner, Dupont had been the Flathead County sheriff for 15 years.

### FORMER GRIZ SIGNS WITH TEXAS

Former Griz running back Lex Hilliard has signed a one-year deal with the Minnesota Vikings, the Associated Press reported. Hilliard is from Kalispell and graduated from the University of Montana in 2008. He has played for the Miami Dolphins since then.

### TIPPING TRAINS

A train derailed in the Laurel train yard, causing nine cars to tip over early Monday morning. The Billings Gazette reported that the derailment happened when two engineers moved the cars through a switch spot in the yard. Montana Rail Link officials said that they expect to have all of the cars back on the tracks by Monday evening.

### SEMI ROLLS, KILLS DRIVER

A semi truck rolled on the interstate north of Helena at 2 a.m. on Sunday, killing the driver. The Associated Press reported that the truck, carrying a load of bananas, hit a guardrail and flipped onto its side, then slid down an embankment.

### FUEL PIPELINE REPLACED

A fuel pipeline under the Clark Fork River will be replaced with a pipe that will be buried much deeper, the Missoulian reported. The fuel pipe, which is operated by ConocoPhillips, will be moved to 40 feet below ground, from its original 6 feet. The oil company said that the construction work will be completed by the end of April.

## BY THE NUMBERS

82%

The high school graduation rate in Montana, up more than two points over the last decade. Montana's graduation rate beats the national average of 75.5 percent.

7

DUI citations handed out by Missoula police Saturday night.

64

The number of bison that have been sent from Yellowstone National Park to the Fort Peck Reservation. This is part of a deal that officials hope will start to bring back bison populations across the state.

100

The number of students from the Florence Carlton School in Florence who called in sick with the stomach flu Thursday. The school was closed Thursday and Friday to disinfect classrooms.

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important to tell the front desk they'd like to get in more immediately."

Krylowicz said he doesn't remember an exact number, but said he's seen about six on-campus suicides since coming to UM almost two years ago.

"It's a national number," Krylowicz said. "About 10 percent of our student body every year will consider suicide and about 1 percent will attempt."

According to Curry's website, suicide is the third leading cause of death among adolescents and young adults, "following only accidents and homicide."

Krylowicz encourages students

to visit CAPS with concerns about themselves or others, but he said friends or family can help, too.

"People who are suicidal don't want to die. They just want the pain to stop, so if someone can stop the pain, the desire to die will probably stop," Krylowicz said. "If people who are suicidal reach out and get help, they tend to get better."

Although each person is different, he said some common warning signs include hopelessness, uncontrolled anger, acting recklessly, increased alcohol or drug use, preparing for death by giving away possessions, anxiety or the inability to sleep, dramatic mood changes, distancing themselves from friends or family, and expressing no sense of purpose in life.

Common causes for such stresses among students include failing or struggling in courses, uncertainty about how well a major is going or will work out and break ups with boyfriends or girlfriends, Krylowicz said.

He said the campus doesn't have a standard procedure for how it responds to suicide deaths because each case is unique, but some coordination is expected.

"If there's an on-campus suicide, we work really heavily with Res Life," Krylowicz said. "Initially, it's a police matter, then it becomes a human matter. I'm notified, then we work with the uniqueness of the situation."

Public Safety responded to Parmenter's Miller dorm room Saturday morning when he was discov-

ered dead. By 3:30 p.m., Residence Life had sent an email to all Miller residents telling them there was no threat to safety and informing them about Sunday evening's counseling opportunity.

The University also has a suicide incident referral form, which can be filled out anonymously to let Dean of Students Charles Couture know about someone who might be contemplating suicide. According to Curry's website, Couture can then require the recommended person meet with CAPS staff for a mental health evaluation and to learn about appropriate services. Because Curry is a confidential medical facility, no one will be told the results or topics of those discussions.

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RESOURCES

Curry Health Center

offers free and anonymous online screenings for depression, PTSD, anxiety, eating disorders, alcohol abuse and other common mental health concerns via a link in the right hand column of [umt.edu/caps](http://umt.edu/caps).

Students can schedule counseling or learn more about mental health issues from Curry's Counseling and Psychological Services at 243-4711. The office is open Monday through Friday.

Western Montana  
Mental Health Center

offers mental health care and 24-hour emergency services and can be reached at 532-9710 for more information or for crisis counseling.

The National Suicide  
Prevention Lifeline

1-800-273-TALK directs callers to a local mental health professional for immediate crisis counseling and information about area resources.

People who believe a suicide attempt is about to happen, or just did, should call 911.

UPCOMING  
EVENTS

Wednesday:  
Lose the Blues Fest

Curry Health Center is sponsoring live blues music performances on campus to raise awareness of depression and suicide among college students. Music will be played 12-1 p.m. in the UC and 1:15-2:25 in the Payne Family Native American Center. Curry staff and student groups will be on hand to talk about the issues and available resources.

Friday:  
Suicide Prevention  
Training

Anyone interested in learning more about suicide prevention should attend one of the Curry Health Center's monthly talks on the subject. The next is scheduled for 12:130 p.m. Friday. Those interested should sign up by calling Ryan Norton from Curry's Health Enhancement office at 243-2809.

CAMPUS

# Tunnel of Oppression

The third annual Tunnel of Oppression is open to students and community members who would like to take part in an interactive tour and discussion about contemporary issues of oppression. Here, students react after completing a walk through the Tunnel.



AHNIE LITECKY  
"Often I think being an American, and being a white American, it's very easy to forget that oppression can be happening around me."

GREG KATTELL  
"It definitely makes you think. It puts you into a place you're not used to."



Brady W. Moore/Montana Kaimin

Headstones mark the names of those who contributed to the LGBTQ community in their life and in their death. The third annual Tunnel of Oppression will run through Wednesday evening.



## MARCH MADNESS

**KAIMIN PERSONAL ACCOUNT:** Erik C. Anderson and Daniel Mediate

# Three guys, two towels, one bed



Daniel Mediate/Montana Kaimin

People fill The Pit in Albuquerque, N.M., on Thursday.

**WEDNESDAY**

It's 4 a.m., and Erik and Daniel are awake.

No, Kaimin sports reporter Erik Anderson and sports editor Daniel Mediate are not partying with the Grizzlies football team. They've been woken up by their lady friends to begin trekking to March Madness, the greatest event in all of sports. Seriously. God created Adam and Eve, gave them a basketball and officiated a one-on-one game to 11 to determine which sex would be chosen to give birth, or something like that; Erik is convinced, possibly because he never paid attention in Bible study classes.

They arrive at Missoula's airport.

For those of you who don't know Daniel, he's a 6-foot-4 Italian mafia prince. You wouldn't know this by looking at him, unless you work for

airport security. At 7 a.m. TSA requests back up for a "mysterious-looking male." Erik's not sure how TSA got a description of Daniel from his eHarmony dating profile bio but watches as he's pulled aside and made a spectacle for all travelers to enjoy. Subtlety would not be a theme this weekend.

Erik and Daniel begin with a flight from Missoula to Seattle, covering 500 miles of a 6,000 mile jaunt. The sports scribes land in Seattle. Sin City is next.

Flying from Seattle to Las Vegas, Erik and Daniel are seated next to each other on what must be the "passengers most likely to die first in the event of a catastrophe" section at the tail end of the plane. Daniel is determined to catch some shut-eye on this flight and passes out in a position only a concussed yoga enthusiast could contort to. Props, Daniel.

They land in Vegas for a four-hour layover. Erik has a

story due for The New York Times' blog The Quad in a few hours, but more importantly he has \$200 in his pocket being serenaded by the dings and whistles stemming from the slot machines. Daniel is a slot noob and quickly loses \$10. Erik, on the other hand, lavishes in lady luck's good fortune and walks away with \$25 extra. Could he have won \$60 more and cashed out earlier? Maybe. Does this signify a potential gambling addiction in his future? He insists no but also wants to bet on it.

Erik and Daniel board for Los Angeles to spend an extra two hours at America's dirtiest airport, LAX. This isn't just any kind of dirty. It's like Snooki and Russel Brand spawning a love child and bathing it in a tub of expired mayonnaise, dirty.

Heading into the last leg of the unnecessarily lengthy New Mexico migration, Erik takes his seat on an airplane smaller than a pack of gum. There are Lego airplanes larger than this excuse for an aviator. Luckily, Erik gets an aisle seat in the emergency exit row next to a middle-aged man. This seems troubling after he ask about his well-being and he responds with a short "I'm fine," before determining his travel leisure guide deserves more attention than Erik. Regardless, Erik wants to rekindle his relationship with his iPod anyway.

A few minutes later, the stranger abruptly closes his magazine and backwardly introduces himself to Erik by inquiring if he's heard of The

Shins. Yes, of course he had. He figures he must have mistaken Erik as one of his senior citizen peers to have warranted the asking of such a question. "That's my son's band," he boasts. And so, Erik's friendship with Shins dad was born.

He enlightens Erik with all the serendipitous successes of his son's career and duly reminds Erik his new album comes out next week and that he should purchase a copy. Erik assures him he'll buy a copy, knowing full well that his definition of buying music is one left-mouse-click away on his torrent site of choice. All of this happens while Daniel is stuck next to some wannabe big shot who won't stop talking about how successful he is or his condo in Mexico. Daniel got shafted on the seating chart.

Erik and Daniel finally arrive in Albuquerque, and Erik's new friend offers them a ride to the Extended Stay America. The sportswriter who Erik and Daniel are meeting with has been hospitable enough to let them stay in his room, on his floor. Three dudes, two towels, one bed, zero shame.

Naturally, Erik and Daniel decide to check out the notorious nightlife in Albuquerque, at Applebee's. They walk several blocks and approximate the probability of being stabbed in this city is close to certainty. Every building has prison bars on its windows. The gas stations have bars, the houses have bars, the bars have bars; it's a rough looking place.

**THURSDAY**

The next day Erik and Daniel finally arrive at the University of New Mexico's basketball arena, The Pit. They pass through security and head to the media room to find themselves rubbing elbows with Andy Katz of ESPN and Boston Globe icon Bob Ryan. Seeing these sports writing icons in person is much different than what is seen on TV, however.

For example, Katz never actually does anything of consequence. He marches around dressed in his nifty suit and slacks, totally comfortable with the fact he's caked his melon with far too much hair product. Katz talks to no one as he ventures about the stadium. He keeps a straight face, wielding his ESPN microphone with what looks like an FBI-issued earpiece planted firmly in his ear. Daniel and Erik see him countless times over the weekend but never see any acts of journalism actually committed.

The day's slate of games is phenomenal. Erik and Daniel witness the Grizzlies' magical season come to a screeching halt by way of a feisty Wisconsin Badgers team. But they are treated to Vanderbilt sliding by a surprisingly tough Harvard team and Erik's personal favorite Baylor getting all it could handle from a gritty South Dakota State squad. Finally, the awesome night of college hoops is capped by Colorado sinking UNLV.

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From left, an NCAA representative, Baylor Bears head coach Scott Drew, Brady Heslip, Pierre Jackson and Quincy Acy talk to the media on Saturday night following the Bears' win over Colorado in Albuquerque, N.M.

FRIDAY

On Friday, Erik and Daniel drive to Santa Fe to check out some New Mexican food and pueblos. It's a resounding success after seeing a rock shaped like a camel. After driving the hour back to Albuquerque, Erik and Daniel head downtown for more drinks. An uneventful evening leaves them back at the hotel.

Now it's 3 a.m. Saturday morning, and Erik is trying to kill himself. He can't breathe through his mucous-filled nose but decided sleeping facedown in his pillow was in his best interest. He's rasping for air. It sounds like air squeaking out of a balloon in spurts. This is hilarious. Should he be rolled over? Nah.

SATURDAY

With Saturday comes more games, Colorado and Baylor,

Wisconsin and Vanderbilt. It also brought St. Paddy's day. Erik and Daniel bar hop and take seats near a few couples. Daniel begins to make small talk with one of the couples as Erik begins to banter with his amber ale at a place called Coaches. They continue this intoxicating interaction until the bar closes. The attractive bartender finally kicks them out of the bar and tells them to go home, which Erik and Daniel interpret as chat with every passerby on the sidewalk. After she's done closing the bar she offers them a ride home. Erik figures it must be sheer good looks and suave operating skills that garnished them the kind gesture. Daniel knows it's their pathetic drunkenness and overall inability to face the daunting task of fending for themselves in Albuquerque. There are good people left in this world, Erik and Daniel agree.

SUNDAY

It's time to fly back to Montana. Daniel and Erik pass through the labyrinth of stanchions laid out in the encumbering security room of the Albuquerque International Sunport. Apparently the airport was expecting the entire population of New Mexico to fly out. Drudging through security scans, Daniel mentions the likelihood that he and Erik now have cancer thanks to the x-rays. Daniel also teaches Erik how to smuggle a knife onto an airplane without detection; Erik now thinks Daniel is a terrorist.

After the hellacious hung-over airport expedition, Erik and Daniel decide they want nothing more than luxury rest on airport benches. At this point, their carry-on bags feel like satchels filled with New Mexican desert sand. Daniel and Erik are exhausted from walking; God, they're American. They seek out a bench oasis away from the rest of the airporters. Searching near the main terminals is fruitless, so they return to the vacant benches back at airport security. Both claim a bench and attempt to doze. Within five minutes a flamboyantly dressed, overglorified TSA cop tells Erik and Daniel, "Sorry, guys, your kind aren't allowed on these benches. You'll have to move because I have a personal vendetta against Montana and you're a threat to our nation's security, kids."

Is that verbatim of what he said? Probably not. But he definitely was condescending. Or seemed condescending. Or was Erik condescending in a pissed off eye-roll response? The hang-over has compromised Erik's ability to gauge people. They

move on, only to find an even more unfortunate situation.

Erik's and Daniel's flight to Denver gets canceled due to the tornado of sand whipping across the runways. No money, no one to call, no place to stay, and the United Airlines rep says they can fly out Tuesday. Damn. This airport is bending Erik's and Daniel's will to live.

Out of pity, the kind airport worker decides to give Erik and Daniel a free room at the Sheraton and schedules them to fly to Houston, then Minneapolis, and finally Missoula on Monday night. Redemption.

MONDAY

After three more flights — Daniel did want to see Texas on this trip after all — Erik ends the weekend with more change in his pocket than a Coinstar, and more \$1 bills than a stripper. Is this a good thing? Probably not. Daniel concludes the journey with a splitting headache, but at least he got bumped into first class on the flight into Missoula. They now know how it feels to be weekend warriors, hitting eight cities in six days, or how Charlie Sheen feels on an average night.

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## HOMELESS From page 4

to find housing can stay at the Poverello Center if they are Level 1 and 2 offenders — those with a low to moderate chance of reoffending. Pehan said Level 3 offenders — those the state deems at a high risk of reoffending — struggle the most. They cannot access many support services in Missoula, including those the Poverello Center offers such as advocacy and help with housing applications.

“What will work for Missoula will really depend on what our community wants,” Pehan said.

Community members have a variety of ideas. Hill proposed a bill in the Montana House last year that encouraged the Department of Cor-

rections and local entities to develop housing options for sex offenders. The bill passed the House but failed in its final reading in the Senate.

Hill is running for re-election and plans to reintroduce the legislation. She expects it to pass both chambers.

She added that she sees permanent supportive housing as a viable solution. This could consist of a facility resembling Missoula’s Valor House, which has 17 units available for veterans who were previously homeless, she said.

But others aren’t sure a housing complex is the best option.

“Do you congregate all these people in one location?” asked Wilkins. “I don’t know that that’s so healthy. I also don’t know that there would be any neighborhood that would feel that was a good idea.”

Wilkins said she doesn’t

know the best solution. But she’d like to see the community explore a plan that would temporarily fund the housing of someone who would otherwise be homeless. Once the recipient can afford rent, the subsidy would help another person. That way, offenders could stay living in the same location and not have to give up their home to the next participant in the program.

One funding option lies in the state’s general budget, said Andrea Davis, executive director of Homeward, a Missoula nonprofit that promotes affordable housing. There’s a line item in the budget for a housing trust fund, but it’s currently unfunded.

If the state decided to make housing for sex offenders a priority, legislators could allocate money to the trust fund to support something like permanent

supportive housing, Davis said.

“We could do that, which is the beauty of having our own money without having to use federal money,” she said.

The federal government offers several programs that subsidize housing for low-income individuals. But Davis said these are competitive, and applicants with criminal records are often at a disadvantage.

Others in Missoula are working on a long-term plan to find a lasting answer. Councilman Jason Wiener and about 10 other community members have spent the past year talking to Missoulians and others across the state and country to develop a strategy to combat homelessness. He said the group will present a draft of Missoula’s 10-year plan in the middle of the year.

One idea is to collect a pool

of money that landowners can draw from to supplement part of the initial payments required when a person rents a house. That would reduce the burden many homeless people face when they have to put down first and last months’ rent in addition to a security deposit, he said. Landowners would have to voluntarily contribute to the pool to use it.

Wiener added that this plan would work if landowners were willing to accept people such as sex offenders without preconditions. But he knows that idea might not receive much support.

“It’s pretty hard to make the case that you’re going to house everybody without the government being the housing partner of last resort,” he said.

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## BUSES From page 1

airport. All of the four alternatives eliminate route 10 to Mullan Road and the Wye. Staff member of Modern and Classical Languages Karen Blazeovich relies on this bus twice a day to travel to and from work. Blazeovich said she appreciates Mountain Line’s

effort to improve its services but “eliminating any route that riders depend on might be premature.”

Blazeovich strongly urges her fellow riders on route 10 to attend the workshops.

“If you don’t know it’s going to effect you, you’re not going to go,” Blazeovich said.

Mountain Line’s General Manager Michael Tree equal-

ly hopes riders will attend to voice their concerns and preferences.

“It only works if the community gets involved,” Tree said.

The workshops are designed to look at each alternative and record what the public likes and dislikes about each plan. Tree said no decisions have been made yet or will be made without the voice of their

ridership. After conducting the workshops the board will either pick one of the four alternatives or create a mosaic of all alternatives to be announced in late April. The new system will be implemented in summer 2013.

The last comprehensive look at the routes occurred back in 2004 and resulted in “fine-tuning,” Tree said. This will be the

first complete remodel of the routes since the transit system started 30 years ago.

“This is a way to look at the good and the bad and to find if there is an alternative that’s better,” Tree said.

To view the alternatives the board is considering visit [www.mountainline.com](http://www.mountainline.com).

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